

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4 of the Preliminary Amendment filed on September 30, 2003:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a divisional application ~~is a division of co-pending application~~ U.S. Serial No. 09/896,142 filed on June 29, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,656,202, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/616,190 filed on July 14, 2000 assigned to the same assignee, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-32 (canceled)

33. (original) A system for enabling expandable material to be pre-formed into an expandable configuration of a cage for a filter device, for pre-forming the cage, for enabling the filter device to capture embolic material which may be released into a blood vessel during a therapeutic interventional procedure, wherein the expandable